Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1849.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 11th of September, A. D. 1849, R. A. M. 2379.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand High Priest.
E. WILLIAM EATON,	Grand King.
" LUCIEN B. KEITH,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Lecturer.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Committee of Finance.
" STEPHEN LOVELL,	Committee of Charity.
" JONATHAN EMERSON,	
" SAMUEL MILLARD,	Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN B. HAMMATT, EDW'D A. RAYMOND,
BENJAMIN HUNTOON.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Worcester, Mount Horeb, and Thomas.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

A communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, notifying this Grand Chapter, that, on the 10th of April last, M.E. Henry Earl, High Priest of Worcester Chapter, and M.E. Jotham Gale, High Priest of Sutton Chapter, were duly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. Their names have accordingly been recorded on the roll of High Priests of this Grand Chapter.

The M.E. Grand High Priest made a verbal report in relation to a uniformity of work and lectures in the Subordinate Chapters, and was requested to continue his labors.

M.E. Comp. E. A. Raymond, in behalf of the Committee on presentation to Comp. Dame, reported progress, and requested further time, which was granted.

The Committee on the Past Master's degree, were discharged from the further consideration of that subject at their own request.

Voted, That the sum of twenty dollars be paid to the Boston Masonic Board of Relief, from the funds of this Grand Chapter, to be expended in charity.

Voted, That the sum of fifteen dollars be granted to Comp. Josiah Baldwin, as a donation by this Grand Chapter.

The Committee of Finance submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

GRAND CHAPTER, Boston, Sept. 11, 1849.

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, in obedience to the By-Laws, have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, which they find correctly kept and properly vouched.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand at the settlement of his account the last year, a balance of . .	$80 91
And has since received from various Chapters under the jurisdiction, the sum of	178 00
And from the Grand Secretary for diplomas, . .	7 00
Amounting in all to	$265 91
The Grand Treasurer has paid during the year, for rent, a donation to the Board of Relief, and sundry other expenses, the sum of	$149 97
Leaving a balance in his hands of	115 94
	$265 91

The Committee recommend that there be paid to the Grand Secretary fifteen dollars for his services the past year.

All which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN R. BRADFORD, } *Committee*
GILBERT NURSE, } *of Finance.*

Voted to proceed to the choice of officers for the year ensuing. Comps. Keith, Bradford, and Raymond, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and declare the votes, when the following Grand Officers were unanimously elected, viz:

M.E. GILBERT NURSE, ...	Grand High Priest.
M.E. WILLIAM EATON, ...	Dep. G. High Priest.
E. LUCIEN B. KEITH, . . .	Grand King.
" SAMUEL MILLARD, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS, ...	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, . . .	Grand Secretary.

Voted, That the installation of the officers be postponed until the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter.

M.E. Comps. Raymond, Bradford, and R. Keith, were

appointed a Committee to wait upon the Grand High Priest elect, inform him of his election, and request his acceptance of the office.

Part of a lecture was given on the Royal Arch degree, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, the 11th of December, A. D. 1849, R. A. M. 2379.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE, .	Grand High Priest.
E. SAMUEL MILLARD, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" LUCIEN B. KEITH, . .	Grand Scribe.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" BENJAMIN HUNTOON, .	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Chapters represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Boston; St. Paul's, Boston; Mount Zion, Stoughton; Thomas, Fitchburg; King Cyrus, Newburyport; Mount Horeb, Lowell.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The M.E. Grand High Priest introduced the M.E. and Hon. Robert P. Dunlap, General Grand High Priest of the

General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, to this Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest stated that the Grand Chapter had been called at an earlier hour than usual, for the purpose of rehearsing and explaining the work and lectures as adopted by the Convention of Royal Arch Masons lately assembled in this city.

M.E. Comp. Lovell was requested by the M.E. Grand High Priest, to organize a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, for the purpose of exhibiting the work of this degree. The following companions were selected to fill the various offices for the aforesaid purpose, viz:

M.E. STEPHEN LOVELL, . .	Master.
BENJ. HUNTOON, . .	Senior Warden.
SAMUEL MILLARD, . .	Junior Warden.
ROBERT KEITH, . .	Treasurer.
HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Secretary.
C. B. ROGERS, . . .	Senior Deacon.
J. D. PRATT, . . .	Junior Deacon.
EDWIN BARNES, . .	Master Overseer.
ASHER GREEN, . .	Senior Overseer.
L. B. KEITH, . . .	Junior Overseer.
AMOS BATES, . . .	Marshal.

The ceremonies of this degree were then exhibited, as agreed upon by the late Convention; Bro. David Blancy of Marblehead, as candidate. After which, the Lodge of Mark Masters was closed. The M.E. Grand High Priest resumed the chair, and at half past 1 P. M. the Grand Chapter adjourned to half past 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. A Lodge of Past Masters was opened; officers the same as in the previous degree, except Bro. Robert Keith as J. W. in place of Bro. Millard.

Having passed through the ceremonies of this degree, the Lodge of Past Masters was closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened.

Bro.	Stephen Lovell,	Master.
	Charles Bates,	Senior Warden.
	——— ———,	Junior Warden.
	Robert Keith,	Treasurer.
	H. H. Tuttle,	Secretary.
	C. B. Rogers,	Senior Deacon.
	Amos Bates,	Junior Deacon.
	Jona. Marshall,	Marshal.

After exemplifying the work of this degree, the Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed, in due form at a quarter before 5 o'clock.

The M.E. High Priest resumed the chair, and the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again at half past 6 P. M.

Evening Session.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to the adjournment aforesaid. At the request of the M.E. High Priest, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was organized under the direction of Comp. Lovell, for the purpose of exhibiting the work on the seventh degree, as follows, viz:

M.E.	Stephen Lovell,	High Priest.
	William Eaton,	King.
	Lucien B. Keith,	Scribe.
	John Hews,	Treasurer.
	Hugh H. Tuttle,	Secretary.
	Amos Bates,	Marshal and Capt. of Host.
	Charles Bates,	Royal Arch Captain.
	C. B. Rogers,	Principal Sojourner.
	Samuel W. Gleason,	Master of 3d Vail.
	John K. Hall,	Master of 2d Vail.
	J. B. Hammatt,	Master of 1st Vail.

After passing through the ceremonies of this degree, the Chapter was closed without form, and the M.E. Grand High Priest resumed the chair.

On motion of M.E. J. B. Hammatt, it was *Voted* unanimously, That the work and lectures agreed upon and adopted by the Convention of Royal Arch Masons, lately assembled in this city, and this day exhibited, be adopted and practiced by all the Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

M.E. E. A. Raymond, in behalf of the Committee to present to Comp. A. A. Dame, Past Grand Treasurer, some suitable testimonial of respect, reported progress, and asked for further time, which was granted.

The Committee appointed to wait upon M.E. Comp. Gilbert Nurse, and inform him of his election as Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that Comp. Nurse declined accepting the office aforesaid.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the choice of a Grand High Priest. M.E. Comps. E. A. Raymond, J. R. Bradford, and D. L. Gibbens, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and declare the votes. Whole number of voters present, 22.

The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported that the whole number of votes was twenty. M.E. and Rev. Benjamin Huntoon, had eighteen votes, and was declared duly elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, for the ensuing Masonic year.

M.E. William Eaton, having declined accepting the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, to which he had been elected

at the last annual meeting, the Grand Chapter proceeded to fill the vacancy. The ballots were taken, and M.E. and Rev. Stephen Lovell received a majority of votes and was elected. He declined accepting the office, whereupon the ballots were taken a second time and resulted in the unanimous choice of M.E. GILBERT NURSE, and he was declared duly elected Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

M.E. Benjamin Huntoon, was then installed Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter by M.E. C. W. Moore, with a short and appropriate address by each.

The M.E. Grand High Priest then installed E. Lucien B. Keith as Grand King, and E. Samuel Millard as Grand Scribe.

Voted, That the installation of the Deputy Grand High Priest be postponed to the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter, and M.E. Comps. Raymond, Bradford, and Eaton, were appointed a Committee to wait upon M.E. Comp. Nurse, and request his acceptance of that office.

On motion of M.E. Comp. Raymond, it was *Voted* unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to M.E. Charles W. Moore, for his valuable and efficient services in the office of Grand High Priest the three past years.

On motion of M.E. Comp. Lovell, *Voted* unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be also tendered to M.E. William Eaton, for the acceptable manner in which he has served this Grand Chapter in the office of Grand King the past year.

The M.E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint our

M.E. Comp. Stephen Lovell, Grand Lecturer of this Grand Chapter, and commissioned accordingly.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 12th of March, A. D. 1850, R. A. M. 2380.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. BENJ. HUNTOON,	Grand High Priest.
E. LUCIEN B. KEITH, . .	Grand King.
" SAMUEL MILLARD, . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Comp. AMOS BATES, . . .	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" STEPHEN LOVELL, . .	Grand Lecturer.
" WINSLOW LEWIS, Jr., .	Grand Steward.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN B. HAMMATT, E. A. RAYMOND,
C. W. MOORE.

Chapters represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Boston; Morning Star, Springfield; St. Paul's, Boston; Worcester, Worcester; Sutton, Sutton; Northampton, Northampton; King Cyrus, Newburyport.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was

opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

M.E. Gilbert Nurse having declined accepting the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, to which he had been elected at the last stated meeting, it was *Voted* to proceed to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby.

M.E. Comps. E. A. Raymond, S. W. Robinson, and Robert Keith, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes, which Committee subsequently reported that the whole number of votes cast was thirteen, all of which were for M.E. Comp. WINSLOW LEWIS, Jr., and he was unanimously elected Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts, for the year ensuing.

M.E. Comps. W. Lewis, Jr., C. W. Moore, and E. A. Raymond, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the reception and accommodation of the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, which is expected to meet in this city in September next.

A lecture explanatory of the form of opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was then given.

The following appointments were announced from the chair, and approved by the Grand Chapter, and the several officers duly installed, viz:

Rev. Comp. LUCIUS R. PAIGE,	Grand Chaplains.
" " H. A. MILES,	
Comp. AMOS BATES,	Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES BATES,	Grand Lecturer.
" SMITH W. NICHOLS,	Grand Stewards.
" GEO. P. KETTELLE,	
" ROBERT KEITH,	Committee of Finance.
" EDW'D A. RAYMOND,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Proclamation was then made by the Grand Marshal, that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was duly organized.

Voted to adjourn until 7 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment, when the lecture on the Mark Master's degree was given by direction of the M.E. Grand High Priest.

The newly adopted ceremonies of opening and closing a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, was then performed. Comp. Lovell in the chair.

Voted, That this Grand Chapter recommend to the Subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, to procure suitable cards containing the songs of the Mark Master's and Most Excellent Master's degrees, set to music, for the use of such Chapters.

A lecture was given on the Royal Arch degree, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 11th of June, A. D. 1850, R. A. M. 2380.

PRESENT:

M.E. and Rev. BENJ. HUNTOON,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. WINSLOW LEWIS, Jr.,	Deputy Grand High Priest.

E. Lucien B. Keith, . .	Grand King.
" John B. Hammatt, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" John Hews, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, .	Grand Secretary.
" Stephen Lovell, . .	Grand Lecturer.
Comp. Amos Bates, . . .	Grand Marshal.
" Geo. P. Kettelle, .	Grand Steward.
" Robert Keith, " Edw'd A. Raymond,	Committee of Finance.
" Josiah Baldwin, . .	Grand Tyler.

Members.

Thomas Tolman, Chas. W. Moore.

Chapters represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Boston; St. Paul's, Boston; Worcester, Worcester; Mount Horeb, Lowell; Sutton, Sutton; King Cyrus, Newburyport.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read.

M.E. Winslow Lewis, Jr., Deputy Grand High Priest elect, was introduced to the chair, and duly installed by the M.E. Grand High Priest.

Voted, That the invitation of Middlesex Lodge of Framingham, to attend the celebration of the ensuing Festival of St. John the Baptist, be accepted, and that the officers and members of this Grand Chapter will be present on that occasion.

M.E. E. A. Raymond, in behalf of the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported, that a piece of plate had been presented to Comp. Abraham A. Dame, as a token of regard for his acceptable services as Grand Treasurer for a long series of years. This report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

Voted, That at the annual meeting on the 10th day of September next, the Grand Chapter will convene at nine o'clock, A. M.

It being expected that the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the General Grand Encampment, of the United States, will hold their meetings in this city in September next, it was *Voted*, That the Masonic apartments in the Temple, be tendered to said bodies for their use and accommodation during their sessions, and that the Committee of Arrangements be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for such sums of money as they may deem expedient and proper towards defraying the expenses of the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter aforesaid, while here.

Voted, That the M.E. Grand High Priest be requested to solicit a sufficient number of companions, who will qualify themselves to perform the work and ceremonies appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry, and be in readiness to exhibit the same at the meeting of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in September next.

The M.E. Grand High Priest authorized and directed M.E. S. Lovell and Chas. Bates, Grand Lecturers, to carry into effect the foregoing vote relating to the exhibition of the work.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.